

REMARKS

Claims 23-44 are pending in this application. The claims have been numbered as claims 23-44 as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.177 (b). No new matter is introduced. Support for each claim is provided in the listing below. Reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Please cancel claims 1-22 filed in original U.S. Patent No. 5,830,529 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter.

The specification has been amended in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.177 (a) and MPEP § 1451 to identify each of the reissue applications and the relationship with other applications.

Support for new claims 23-44 is found as follows, with reference to the original U.S. patent no. 5,830,529:

Claim 23 support appears at, for example, Figs. 1A to 1E, 2A to 2Q, 7A to 7C, and 43A to 43D, and specification col. 19, line 1 to col. 21, line 63; col. 34, lines 53 to 62; and col. 35, line 15 to col. 36, line 5.

Claim 24 support appears at, for example, Figs. 1A to 1E, 8B and 20D, and specification col. 19, lines 1 to 65; col. 36, lines 6 to 21; and col. 43, lines 35 to 43.

Claim 25 support appears at, for example, Fig. 42, and specification col. 2, line 62; col. 5, lines 41 to 63; col. 1 line 42 to col. 2, line 25; col. 25, line 29; col. 21, lines 64 to 66; and col. 5, line 45.

Claim 26 support appears at, for example, Fig. 37F, and specification col. 45, lines 11 to 23 and col. 62, lines 6 to 31.

Claim 27 support appears at, for example, Fig. 21B, and specification col. 5, lines 2 to 63; and col. 44, lines 20-45.

Claim 28 support appears at, for example, Figs. 41 and 42, and specification col. 75, lines 62 to col. 76, lines 12.

Claim 29 support appears at, for example, Figs. 37G, 41 and 42, and specification col. 37, lines 45 to 51; col. 75, lines 62 to col. 76, lines 12; and col. 62, lines 32 to 45.

Claim 30 support appears at, for example, Fig. 41A and specification col. 1, lines 40 to 65; col. 9, lines 23 to 35; col. 29, lines 54-61; and col. 62, lines 6-50.

Claim 31 support appears at, for example, specification col. 5, lines 41 to 64.

Claim 32 support appears at, for example, Figs. 21B, 33, and 37B and corresponding text.

Claim 33 support appears at, for example, col. 24, lines 9-12.

Claim 34 support appears at, for example, Fig. 42, and specification col. 2, line 62; col. 5, lines 41 to 63; col. 1 line 42 to col. 2, line 25; col. 25, line 29; col. 21, lines 64 to 66; and col. 5, line 45.

Claim 35 support appears at, for example, col. 82, lines 44 to 56.

Claim 36 support appears at, for example, col. 7, lines 33 to 46.

Claim 37 support appears at, for example, Figs. 1A to 1E, 2A to 2Q, 7A to 7C, and 43A to 43D, and specification col. 19, line 1 to col. 21, line 63; col. 34, lines 53 to 62; and col. 35, line 15 to col. 36, line 5. Additional support appears at, for example, Figs. 1A and 1B, and col. 19, lines 1 to 10, Figs. 2A -20 and by col. 20, line 1 to col. 21, line 27; and by Fig. 1B and col. 19, lines 7 to 10.

Claim 38 support appears at, for example, Fig. 42, and specification col. 2, line 62; col. 5, lines 41 to 63; col. 1 line 42 to col. 2, line 25; col. 25, line 29; col. 21, lines 64 to 66; and col. 5, line 45.

Claim 39 support appears at, for example, Figs. 1A to 1E, 8B and 20D, and specification col. 19, lines 1 to 65; col. 36, lines 6 to 21; and col. 43, lines 35 to 43.

Claim 40 support appears at, for example, Fig. 37F, and specification col. 45, lines 11 to 23 and col. 62, lines 6 to 31. Additional support appears at, for example, Fig. 41A and specification col. 1, lines 40 to 65; col. 9, lines 23 to 35; col. 29, lines 54-61; and col. 62, lines 6-50.

Claims 41 to 44 support appears at, for example, Figs. 1A to 1E, 2A to 2Q, 7A to 7C, and 43A to 43D, and specification col. 19, line 1 to col. 21, line 63; col. 34, lines 53 to 62; and col. 35, line 15 to col. 36, line 5.

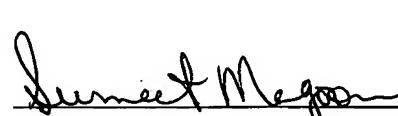
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance.
Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desired in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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